GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Tribal Welfare Department - Allegation of diversion of B.C. Welfare Scholarship funds and misappropriation of Government funds by the officials of B.C. Welfare, Social Welfare & Tribal Welfare Department- ACB Furnished the final report - Initiation of Departmental Proceedings against Sri Meghavath Pedda Vasaram Naik, former Deputy Director (Tribal Welfare) (FAC) / Deputy Medical & Health Officer, ITDA, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District - Under Rule 24 read with Rule 20 of APCS(CC&A) Rules 1991 - Article of Charges - Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (TW.Ser.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.194 Dated:18.07.2022.

Read:-

Letter from the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada, Lr. RC. No.95/RCO-VSK/2016-S.12, Dated.26.08.2021.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold a detailed enquiry against Sri Meghavath Pedda Vasaram Naik, former Deputy Director (Tribal Welfare) (FAC) / Deputy Medical & Health Officer, ITDA, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of AP Civil Service (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct of misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). Statement of Imputations of Misconduct or Misbehaviour in support of the Articles of charges (AoC), a list of witnesses by whom and List of Documentary Evidence are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure - II, III, & IV).

3. Sri Meghavath Pedda Vasaram Naik, former Deputy Director (Tribal Welfare) (FAC) / Deputy Medical & Health Officer, ITDA, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District is directed to submit within (10) days from the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defense.

4. Sri Meghavath Pedda Vasaram Naik, former Deputy Director (Tribal Welfare) (FAC) / Deputy Medical & Health Officer, ITDA, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore specifically admit or deny each article of charges.

5. Sri Meghavath Pedda Vasaram Naik, former Deputy Director (Tribal Welfare) (FAC) / Deputy Medical & Health Officer, ITDA, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para (3) above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Meghavath Pedda Vasaram Naik, former Deputy Director (Tribal Welfare) (FAC) / Deputy Medical & Health Officer, ITDA, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District is invited to Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (Conduct) Rules 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in respect of matter pertaining to this service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri Meghavath Pedda Vasaram Naik, former Deputy Director (Tribal Welfare) (FAC) / Deputy Medical &

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Health Officer, ITDA, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(Conduct) Rules1964.

7. The Receipt of the order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KANTILAL DANDE
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT-TW

To
Sri Meghavath Pedda Vasaram Naik,
former Deputy Director (Tribal Welfare) (FAC) /
Deputy Medical & Health Officer, ITDA, Seethampeta,
Srikakulam District (through the DTW, Vijayawada)
The DTW Vijayawada (with a request to serve the same and
furnish the duplicate copy with the acknowledgement of the
individual officer (with reg.post/ack due)

Copy to:
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada
The Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The OSD to Deputy Chief Minister (TW)
The PS to Secretary to Government (TW)

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI MEGHAVATH PEDDA VASARAM NAIK, S/o HANUMAN NAIK, AGED 53 YEARS, (FAC) FORMER DEPUTY DIREDTOR (TRIBAL WELFARE) (FAC)/ DEPUTY MEDICAL & HEALTH OFFIICER, ITDA, SEETHAMPETA, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT

That Sri Meghavath Pedda Vasaram Naik, S/o Hanuman Naik joined as Government Servant in Medical Department as Civil Assistant Surgeon on 25.06.1997 and on subsequent promotions, he rose to the rank of Dy. DM & HO and worked as FAC Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare, Seethampeta from 05.01.2015 to 15.03.2017 and while working as such he committed the following grave misconduct in as much as:-

CHARGE:

That Sri Meghavath Pedda Vasaram Naik, S/o Hanuman Naik received a letter dated:16.3.2016 from Sri Munji Uma Maheswara Rao, Principal, Om Sai Jr. College, Palakonda through Sri A.Ajay Kumar, Computer Operator, Om Sai Jr. College, Palakonda with a request to release the mistakenly credited MTF funds belonged to their college students into the account No. 11152305021 of HWO, GTWGH, Srikakulam. Then he made an endorsement to Smt. S.Jhansi Rani, HWO, GTWGH, Srikakulam on 04.04.2016 to take necessary action. Then he along with Sri A.Ajay Kumar went to the house of Smt. S.Jhansi Rani, HWO, GTWGH, Srikakulam on 06.04.2016 evening and took 05 post dated cheques in the name of Om Sai Jr. College from her after endorsing to handover the MTF scholarship amounts to the management of Om Sai Jr.College on the letter of Smt. S.Jhansi Rani, HWO, GTWGH, Srikakulam dated 06.04.2016 to accord permission to issue the cheques viz., (1) 788247 for Rs.8,65,200/- (2) 788248 for Rs.6,62,550/- (3) 788250 for Rs.6,56,250/- (4) 788249 for Rs.3,39,150/- and (5) 788251 for Rs.7,56,000/-. Though he received the above 05 cheques from Smt. S.Jhansi Rani, HWO, GTWGH, Srikakulam, he gave one cheque bearing No. 788247 for an amount of Rs.8,65,200/- to Sri A.Ajay Kumar to hand over the same to Sri Munji Uma Maheswara Rao by keeping the remaining 04 cheques with him. He did not intimate the same to the higher authorities and also did not verify the genuineness of the representation of Sri Munji Uma Maheswara Rao and he handed over the 04 original cheques bearing Nos. (1) 788248 dated 09.4.2016 for Rs.6,62,550/- (2) 788249 dated 12.04.2016 for Rs.3,39,150/- (3) 788250 dated 10.4.2016 for Rs.6,76,250/- and (4) 788251, dated 15.4.2016 for Rs.7,56,000/- of account No. 11152305021 to HD, SPl. Post Metric Hostel, Srikakulam issued in the name of Om Sai Jr. College to the investigating officer and further informed that the remaining cheque was not available with him and he handed over it to Sri A.Ajay Kumar, representative of Om Sai Jr. College, Palakonda.

Thus Sri Meghavath Pedda Vasaram Naik , S/o Hanuman Naik, Age 53 years, FAC Deputy Director of Tribal Welfare, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of Government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby violated the Rule 3(1), 3(2) & 3(5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI MEGHAVATH PEDDA VASARAM NAIK, S/O HANUMAN NAIK, AGED 53 YEARS, FORMER DEPUTY DIREDTOR (TRIBAL WELFARE) (FAC) /DEPUTY MEDICAL & HEALTH OFFIICER, ITDA, SEETHAMPETA, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT

That Sri Meghavath Pedda Vasaram Naik, S/o Hanuman Naik joined as Government Servant in Medical Department as Civil Assistant Surgeon on 25.06.1997 and on subsequent promotions, he rose to the rank of Dy. DM & HO and worked as FAC Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare, Seethampeta from05.01.2015 to 15.03.2017. His date of birth is 18.01.1968. He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.01.2028. He is here-in after called as Government Servant.

CHARGE :-

That the Government servant received a letter dated 16.03.2016 from Sri Munji Uma Maheswara Rao, Principal, Om Sai Jr. College, Palakonda through Sri A.Ajai Kumar, Computer Operator, Om Sai Jr. College, Palakonda with a request to release the mistakenly credited MTF funds belonged to their college students into the account No.11152305021 of HWO, GTWGH, Srikakulam. Then he made an endorsement to Smt. S.Jhansi Rani, HWO, GTWGH, Srikakulam on 04.04.2016 to take necessary action. Then he along with Sri A.Ajay Kumar went to the house of Smt. S.Jhansi Rani, HWO, GTWGH, Srikakulam on 06.04.2016 evening and took 05 post dated cheques in the name of Om Sai Jr. College from her after endorsing to handover the MTF scholarship amounts to the management of Om Sai Jr. College on the letter of Smt. S.Jhansi Rani, HWO, GTWGH, Srikakulam dated 06.04.2016 to accord permission to issue the cheques viz. (1) 788247 for Rs.8,65,200/- (2) 788248 - Rs.6,62,550/- (3) 788250 - Rs.6,56,250/- (4) 788249 - Rs.3,39,150/- and (5) 788251 - Rs.7,56,000/-. Though he received the above 05 cheques from Smt. S.Jhansi Rani, HWO, GTWGH, Srikakulam, he gave one cheque bearing No. 788247 for an amount of Rs. 8,65,200/- to Sri A.Ajay Kumar to hand over the same to Sri Munji Uma Maheswara Rao by keeping the remaining 04 cheques with him. He did not intimate the same to the higher authorities and also did not verify the genuineness of the representation of Sri Munji Uma Maheswara Rao and he handed over the 04 original cheques bearing Nos. (1) 788248 dated 09.04.2016 forRs.6,62,550/- (2) 788249 dated 12.04.2016 for Rs.3,39,150/- (3) 788250dated 10.04.2016 for Rs.6,76,250/- and (4) 788251 dated 15.04.2016 forRs.7,56,000/- of account No. 11152305021 to HD, SPl. Post Metric Hostel, Srikakulam issued in the name of Om Sai Jr. College and further informed to the investigating ofcer that the remaining cheque was not available with him and he handed over it to Sri A.Ajay Kumar, representative of Om Sai Jr. College, Palakonda.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE

Basing on the allegations of diversion of scholarship funds of B.C. welfare department into the banks accounts of Tribal welfare hostels in Srikakulam District, the DSP ACB, Srikakulam Range enquired into the allegations and submitted a report to the Director General, ACB, AP Hyderabad requesting to accord permission to conduct a regular enquiry. As per the instructions of the DG, ACB, the DSP conducted a Regular Enquiry and submitted an enquiry report requesting to accord permission to register a case of Criminal mis-conduct against the officials of B.C. welfare department and Tribal Welfare Department of Srikakulam District. As per the instructions of DG, ACB a case in Crime No. 02/RCOACB/ SKL/2016 U/S. 13 (1) (C) and 13(1) (d) r/w 13 (2) and 15 of P.C. Act, 1988 and sections 65 & 66 of I.T. Act 2000 r/w 120 (b) of IPC of ACB, Srikakulam Range was registered on 25.05.2016.

During the course of investigation, on examination of Sri M.Uma Maheswara Rao, Principal of Om Sai Jr. College, Palakonda in the presence of official mediators he confessed that Sri B.Yerram naidu gave a copy of proceedings to him vide Rc.No. 136/L2/DBCW/SKLM/2016 Dated 06.03.2016 in the name of the then District B.C. Welfare Officer stating that "Whereas Om Sai Junior College BC students 'Scholarship amount wrongly credited in Account of Honorary Director, Spl. Post Metric Hostel

(girls), Srikakulam BC students' scholarship amounts belongs to Om Sai Junior College private institution by showing 4 proceedings" and directed him to address a letter to the Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare, Seethampeta to obtain the cheques. Accordingly he addressed a letter to Sri M.P.V.Naik, Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare, Seethampeta (the Government Servant) by enclosing the copy of proceedings provided by Sri B.Yerram Naidu and sent the letter to the Government Servant through Sri A. Ajay Kumar. On 06.04.2016, he received a cheque vide No. 788247 for an amount of Rs.8,65,200/- through Sri A. Ajay Kumar from the Government Servant. He returned the cheque to the Government Servant through Sri A. Ajay Kumar at the request of the Government Servant.

During the course of investigation, Sri A. Ajay Kumar, Computer operator of Om Sai Jr. College, Palakonda confessed in the presence of official mediators that Sri M. Uma Maheswara Rao, Principal, Om Sai Jr. College, Palakonda addressed a letter to the Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare on 16.03.2016 and stating that mistakenly credited amount belonged to their students for the year 2013-14 in the account of HWO, GTWGH, Srikakulam and requested to release the amount and directed him to go Dy. Director, along with a copy of the proceedings and he handed over the letter to Sri M.P.V. Naik, Dy. Director (The Government Servant). The Government Servant sent the same to Smt. S. Jhansi Rani by endorsing on the letter of Sri M. Uma Maheswara Rao on 04.04.2016. But The Government Servant took him to the house of Smt. S. Jhansi Rani on 06.04.2016 evening and forced her to give post dated cheques and she gave 5 cheques and took endorsement of the Government Servant on her hand written letter addressed to the Government Servant. On the instructions of Sri M. Uma Maheswara Rao to meet the Government Servant and to bring the cheques, which were taken from Smt. S. Jhansi Rani, by the Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare, he went to the Government Servant and the Government Servant handed over a cheque of Rs.8,65,200/- to him and requested him to give the cheque to Sri M. Uma Maheswara Rao and he did the same. Again on the same day evening, Sri M. Uma Maheswara Rao requested him to return the cheque to the Government Servant and he returned the cheque to the Government Servant.

During the course of investigation on examination of Smt. S. Jhansi Rani, HWO, Spl. Post Metric ST Girls Hostel, Srikakulam stated that on 06.04.2016, the Government Servant along with Sri A. Ajay Kumar came to her house and forced her to give 5 post dated cheques and she issued 5 cheques for Rs.32,79,150/- to the Government Servant by taking a written endorsement from the Government Servant to issue cheques to Om Sai Jr.College Management on her hand written letter addressed to the Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare. So saying, she produced original representation dated 16.03.2016 of Sri M. Uma Maheswara Rao, Principal, Om Sai Jr. College, Palakonda addressed to the Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare wherein the Government Servant made a written endorsement on 04.04.2016 to HD, PMH(G),SKL for necessary action and original letter dated 06.04.2016 of Smt. S. Jhansi Rani, HWO, Spl. Post Metric ST Girls Hostel, Srikakulam addressed to the Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare, Seethampeta with a request to accord permission to hand over the 5 cheques for an amount of Rs.32,79,150/- wherein the Government Servant made a written endorsement on 06.04.2016 to HWO, PMH(G), SKLM with instructions to handover the MTF fund amount to Om Sai Jr. College Management through above cheques.

Thus, the Govt. Servant Sri Meghavath Pedda Vasaram Naik, S/o Hanuman Naik, Age 53 years, FAC Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of Government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and there by violated the Rule 3(1), 3(2) & 3(5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, the Govt. Servant has rendered himself liable for departmental action under Rule 3(1), 3(2) & 3(5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF WITNESSES:

The following oral evidence is available on record:

1. **Sri Sunku Dalayya, S/o Ramayya, 40 years, Head Master, Z.P. High School, Gara, Srikakulam District. R/o Pundarikaksha Colony, nearby Beauty parlour, Narasannepta, Srikakualm District.**

2. **Sri Chowlapalli Visweswarayya, S/o Narasimham, age 41 years, School Asst. (Mathematics), Z.P. High School, Gara, Srikakulam District. R/o Plot No. 10, Near Poultry farm, Thotapalem, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District.**

They are the mediators present at the time of arrest of Accused Ofcers/ persons (i.e. Sri M. Uma Maheswara Rao, Principal of Om Sai Jr.College, Palakonda, Sri A. Ajay Kumar, Computer Operator of Om Sai Jr. College, Palakonda, Smt. S. Jhansi Rani, HWO, Spl. Post Metric ST Girls Hostel, Srikakulam) on 19.06.2017. They speak about the contents of the mediators report drafted before the arrest of the accused Officers on 19.06.2017 and seizure of (1) Original representation dated 16.03.2016 of Sri M. Uma Maheswara Rao, Principal, am Sai Jr. College, Palakonda addressed to the Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare wherein the Government Servant made a written endorsement on 04.04.2016 to HD, PMH(G), SKL for necessary action (2) Original letter dated 06.04.2016 of Smt. S. Jhansi Rani, HWO, Spl. Post Metric ST Girls Hostel, Srikakulam to the Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare, Seethampeta with a request to accord permission to hand over the 5 cheques for an amount of Rs.32,79,150/- wherein the Government Servant made a written endorsement on 06.04.2016 to HWO, PMH (G), SKLM with instructions to handover the MTF fund amount to Om Sai Jr. College Management through above cheques to Sri M.Uma Maheswara Rao and Sri A.Ajay Kumar etc, facts.

3. **Sri Guthikonda Ramu, S/o late Nageswara Rao, age 57 years, Dy. Tahsildar, Superintendent, F Section, Collector's Office, Srikakulam; R/o Dandi Veedhi, Near TPM High School, Srikakulam.**

4. **Sri Balivada Rajasekharam, S/o late Govinda Rao, age 38 years, Senior Assistant, F-section, Collector's Office, Srikakulam. R/o LIGI-54, APHB Colony, Opp. Zilla Parishad, Srikakulam.**

They are the mediators present at the time of arrest of two Accused Officers (i.e. Government Servant and another) on 21.06.2017. They speak about the contents of the mediators report drafted at the time of arrest of the Government Servant on 21.06.2017 and seizure of (1) Original cheque bearing No. 788248 dated 09.04.2016 for Rs.6,62,550/- (2) Original cheque bearing No 788249 dated 12.04.2016 for Rs.3,39,150/- (3) Original cheque bearing No 788250 dated 10.04.2016 for Rs.6,56,250/- (4) Original cheque bearing No 788251 dated 15.04.2016 for Rs.7,56,000/- of account No. 11152305021 of HD, Spl. Post Metric TW Hostel, Srikakulam issued in favour of Om Sai Jr. College from the Government Servant etc, Facts

5. Sri M.Uma Maheswara Rao:- He speaks about that he was the principal of Om Sai Junior College, Palakonda and on 16.03.2016 send a letter to the Government Servant through Sri A.Ajay Kumar, Computer Operator, Om Sai Junior College, Palakonda with a request to release the mistakenly credited MTF funds belonging to his college students into the account No.11152305021 of KWO, GTWGH, Srikakulam and on 06.04.2016 the Government Servant handed over one cheque bearing No. 788247 for an amount of Rs.8,65,000/- to Sri A. Ajay Kumar with instructions to hand over to him and etc., facts.

6. Sri A.Ajay Kumar, Computer Operator, Om Sai Jr. College, Palakonda:- He speaks that he working as computer operator, Om Sai Jr.College, Palakonda as per instructions of Sri M. Uma Maheswara Rao, Principal, Om Sai Junior College,

Palakonda he went to the Government Servant handed over a letter to his principal as requested to release the mistakenly credited MTF funds belonging to his college students into the account No. 11152305021 of HWO, GTWGH, Srikakulam and on 06.04.2016 he along with the Government Servant went to the house of Smt. S.Jhansi Rani, HWO and the Government Servant took 05 post dated cheques in the name of Om Sal Jr. College from her after endorsing to handover the MTF scholarship amounts to the management of am Sai Jr.College on the letter dated 05.04.2016 of Smt. S.Jhansi Rani, HWO, GTWGH, Srikakulam requesting to accord permission to issue the cheques viz., (1) 788247 for Rs.8,65,200/- (2) 788248 for Rs.6,62,550/- (3) 788250 for Rs.6,56,250/- (4) 788249 for Rs.3,39,150/- and (5) 788251 for Rs.7,56,000/-. Though he received the above 05 cheques from Smt. S.Jhansi Rani, HWO, GTWGH, Srikakulam, the Government Servant handed over one cheque bearing No. 788247 for an amount of Rs.8,65,000/- to him with instructions to hand over the same to his college principal and remaining 04 cheques keeping with the Government Servant and etc., facts.

7. Smt. S.Jhansi Rani, Hostel welfare officer, Govt. Tribal welfare Girls Hostel, Srikakulam:- She stated that she working as HWO, GTWGH, Srikakulam and on 06.04.2016, the Government Servant along with Sri A.Ajay Kumar, Computer operator, Om Sai Junior College, Palakonda came to her house and the Government Servant took 05 post dated cheques in the name of Om Sai Jr. College from her after endorsing to handover the MTF scholarship amounts to the management of Om Sai Jr. College on the letter dated 06.04.2016 when she requesting to accord permission to issue the cheques viz., (1) 788247 for Rs.8,65,200/- (2) 788248 for Rs.6,62,550/- (3) 788250 for Rs.6,56.250/- (4) 788249 for Rs.3,39,150/- and (5) 788251 for Rs.7,55,000/-. Then she handed over the above 05 cheques to the Government Servant and etc., facts.

8. Sri P.Srinivasa Rao, Inspector of Police, ACB, Srikakulam Range, now working as Inspector of Police, Rajam P.S. Srikakulam District.

He speaks about registration of the case on 25.05.2016, conducting investigation and etc., facts.

Any further evidence is necessary, will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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ANNEXURE-IV

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE:

The following documentary evidence available on record:

1. Copy of FIR along with occurrence report:

It proves the receipt of instructions to register a case, registration of the case etc, facts.

2. Copy of Mediators report dated 19.06.2017
3. Copy of Mediators report dated 21.06.2017
4. Copy of representation dated 16.03.2016 of Sri M. Uma Maheswara Rao, Principal, Om Sai Jr.College, Palakonda addressed to the Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare wherein the Government Servant made a written endorsement on 04.04.2016 to HD, PMH (G), SKL for necessary action.
5. Copy of letter dated 06.04.2016 of Smt. S. Jhansi Rani, HWO, Spl. Post Metric ST Girls Hostel, Srikakulam to the Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare, Seethamepta with a request to accord permission to hand over the 5 cheques for an amount of Rs.32,79,150/- wherein the Government Servant made a written endorsement on 06.04.2016 to HWO, PMH(G), SKLM with instructions to handover the MTF fund amount to Om Sai Jr. College Management through above cheques to Sri M.Uma Maheswara Rao and Sri A.Ajay Kumar.

Any further document is required, it will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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